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FRYE & FAULCONER OPEN MISSION VALLEY- OCEAN BEACH BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH

Site also dedicated as Mission Valley Parkland

San Diego, CA- A critical link between the beach and Mission Valley opened today as Councilmembers Donna Frye and Kevin Faulconer unveiled the Mission Valley-Ocean Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Path. They also announced that the City Council has approved a dedication of the 19-acre Sefton Field site as parkland for the Mission Valley community.

“This bicycle and pedestrian path connects Mission Valley to Ocean Beach, giving residents a beautiful pathway along the San Diego River to exercise and enjoy the outdoors,” said Frye.

Faulconer added, “Dedicating this parkland is a wonderful thing for groups like Presidio Little League. This action will guarantee that there will always be a recreational area for community members to utilize for everything from playing baseball to an area to picnic with friends and family.”

Completion of this one-mile section of the bike path between Pacific Highway and Hotel Circle also helps accomplish a crucial goal of the City’s San Diego River Park Master Plan, a planning effort to create an interlinked network of recreational trails and parks along the river shore from the Pacific Ocean to Santee. The San Diego River Conservancy, a state agency whose board of directors is chaired by Councilmember Frye, provided \$2 million in state Resource Agency funds toward the project’s \$3 million cost.

Donna Frye represents San Diego’s Sixth Council District, which includes the communities of Mission Valley, Bay Ho, Bay Park, Villa Marina, Birdland, De Anza, Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay Park, Mission Village, Morena and Serra Mesa. She chairs the council’s Resources and Culture committee and is also chair of the San Diego River Conservancy. Kevin Faulconer, who represents the Second Council District and is Council President Pro Tem, is chair of the Council’s Audit Committee. His district includes the communities of Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Bankers Hill, Downtown and Mission Hills.

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Ocean Beach Bike Path/Hotel Circle North Bikeway Project

Background

The Ocean Beach / Hotel Circle North Bikeway project has completed a much needed link between the existing Ocean Beach bike path along the north side of Interstate 8 between Ocean Beach and Pacific Highway to the western terminus of Hotel Circle Place. The bikeway would provide non-vehicular traffic with a travel route between the Ocean Beach and Old Town areas and the retail centers of the Mission Valley area. Additionally, the path runs just to the south of the San Diego River and will provide recreational and educational opportunities.



Project Overview

The Ocean Beach / Hotel Circle North Bikeway is approximately one mile long. The project was designed to minimize impacts to the environmentally sensitive surroundings. It has been constructed as a ten foot wide path with porous concrete surface with an additional two-foot-wide shoulder and/or clear zone on either side and hydroseeded with a native mix for erosion control compatible with the surrounding vegetation.

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Other project features include retaining walls, traffic signage & striping, metal & wood fences, vista areas, railing, and drainage facilities.

Construction Schedule

Construction of the project began in early 2007 and was completed in June 2009.

Cost

The estimated total project cost is \$3 million. The Natural Resources Agency of California provided a \$2 million grant towards the project cost.



Construction Picture of the Project.

OB/MISSION VALLEY BICYCLE - PEDESTRIAN PATH FACT SHEET

- Official name: Ocean Beach / Hotel Circle North Bikeway
- Links existing bike path running from OB to Old Town, along north side of I-8 and along the SD River, with the parks and retail centers of Mission Valley.
- New bikeway is about a mile long; and is 10-feet wide.
- It was designed to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive surroundings, with erosion control compatible with surrounding vegetation.
- Elements include retaining walls, signage and striping, fences and vista areas.
- Construction began in early 2007 and was completed this month.
- Cost was \$3 million; \$2 million of that came from the San Diego River Conservancy through a grant in state Natural Resources Agency funds; \$500,000 came from SANDAG.
- New bikeway is part of overall plan to eventually connect the beach to Mission Trails Park.